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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joey McClendon for his commitment to academic excellence.

WHEREAS, it is a privilege for the members of this General Assembly to honor those young persons who, through their dedication and hard work, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary young person is Joey McClendon, a fourth grade student at Alex Green Elementary in Nashville, who has distinguished himself as a student of uncommon ability and commitment; and

WHEREAS, beginning the school year as a resource student for reading and language arts, Joey, on his own initiative, requested to be removed from the resource program because he felt the vocabulary words were too easy and he desired more challenging work; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure, and unwavering commitment of his time and talent, he quickly adapted to the regular education program, keeping pace with his fellow students in all his classroom and homework assignments; and

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WHEREAS, Joey McClendon has always demonstrated extraordinary ability in his mathematics assignments; this school year, this outstanding eleven-year-old has shown significant progress in all subject areas, including mathematics; during his school's practice T-CAP test, he was the only student in his class mastering 100%; and

WHEREAS, the morning his fourth grade class was scheduled to take the first of this year's state-mandated achievement tests, Joey overslept and missed his bus; demonstrating remarkable ingenuity and perseverance, Joey McClendon and his mother, Janet, called a taxi to transport him to his elementary school, since Janet McClendon does not drive; and

WHEREAS, Joey's teacher, Tammie Fleming, was thrilled with his resourcefulness, and has said of Joey and his commendable effort, "It's that kind of determination and that kind of drive. He's going to be somebody someday..."; and

WHEREAS, a bright and cheerful young student, he has earned numerous recognition's for his positive attitude and academic achievements, including "Student of the Week" and "Conflict Buster"; and

WHEREAS, Joey McClendon plans to enter the United States Air Force after graduating from high school; his display of determination and aptitude at Alex Green Elementary School surely bodes well for his continued success in school and his future professional career; and

WHEREAS, Joey's calm resolution in the face of adversity and his dedication to his studies are a great source of pride for his family, his teacher, and his school; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and is a worthy role model for all citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Joey McClendon's pursuit of excellence in all his academic endeavors is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Joey McClendon, commend his outstanding work ethic

and his tremendous strength of character, applaud his many academic accomplishments, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for much happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.